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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 451  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Charles W. Lewis of  
Murfreesboro on being selected Senior  
Pediatrician of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the members of this General Assembly should  
pause to honor those Tennesseans who truly make a difference in the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, Charles W. Lewis, M.D., is one such individual who is richly deserving of the  
special commendation of this body; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis has exhibited uncommon integrity, diligence, and compassion as  
a physician in service to his patients throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis is the recipient of the Senior Pediatrician of the Year Award from  
the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Tennessee Pediatrics Society;  
and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis has cared for literally thousands of children and has had a huge  
impact on the Murfreesboro community; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis is a past president of the Tennessee Pediatric Society, which has now merged with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, he earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in Memphis, graduating in 1956, and then completed an internship at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas in 1957; and

WHEREAS, truly a man of many talents, Dr. Charles Lewis served for two years in the United States Army Medical Corps before completing his pediatric residency in 1961 at the University Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis provided his exceptional services as a physician at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, where he was elected as Chief of Pediatrics on several occasions, and also served as Chief of Staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis practiced for thirty-five years at the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic, until his retirement in 1996; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and achievements aside, Dr. Lewis is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his family, friends, and patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles W. Lewis always stayed current on the latest medical treatments, offering them to his patients in order to provide the utmost in pediatric healthcare; and

WHEREAS, he and his loving wife, Madge, share a love that inspires us all; they show warmth and fellowship to all blessed to know them, and are "a credit to our community" according to Representative Mary Ann Eckles; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a man of Dr. Lewis' eminent stature walk among us, and it is fitting that he should be recognized for his life of purpose and commitment to the good health of all God's children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis has assisted his friends whenever they have been in need, and has earned the respect of his fellow physicians and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis has served for many years as an advocate for children, and his good deeds should not go unrecognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Dr. Charles W. Lewis our heartfelt thanks for his service to the children of Tennessee as an accomplished and dedicated pediatrician, congratulate him on receiving the Senior Pediatrician of the Year Award, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.